




PTO/SB/08a/b (07-05)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	10/567,793
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)				Filing Date	February 9, 2006
				First Named Inventor	Junji TAN
				Art Unit	N/A
				Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	1155-0289PUS1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)				
VC	AA	US-4,398,017		08-09-1983	Go	
	AB	US-4,565,851		01-21-1986	Barbee	
	AC	US-6,673,403-B1		01-06-2004	Shiiki et al.	
	AD	US-2005/0214368-A1		09-29-2005	Kawakami et al.	
	AE	US-205-011892-A1		01-20-2005	Nakajima et al.	
VC	AF	US-4,729,927		03-08-1988	Hirose et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)					
VC	BA	JP-63-40444-B2		08-11-1988			
↓	BB	JP-10-138371-A		05-26-1998			
	BC	JP-10-337772-A		12-22-1998			
	BD	JP-2003-136657-A		05-14-2003			
	BE	JP-2564469-B2		09-19-1996			
	BF	JP-7-21107		03-08-1995			
	BG	JP-61-179226-A		08-11-1986			
VC	BH	EP-0 182 378-A2		05-28-1986			

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature	/Vivian Chen/	Date Considered	06/24/2006
--------------------	---------------	-----------------	------------

Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP

MSW/khm